

### **3.0 HIGHLIGHTS OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION**

Community participation opportunities were provided during the remedy selection process to fulfill the requirements of CERCLA Sections 113(k)(2)(B)(i-v) and 117.

The RI, RI Addendum, Endangerment Assessment/Feasibility Study (EA/FS), and Proposed Plan for the Offpost OU were released to the public on March 21, 1993. The documents were made available to the public in the Administrative Record (located at the Joint Administrative Record Document Facility at the west entrance to RMA at 72nd Avenue and Quebec Street), in an information repository maintained at the EPA Docket Room in Region VIII, and at the Adams County, Aurora, Commerce City, Denver, Lakewood, Montbello, and Thornton Public Libraries. The notice of availability for these four documents was published in the Denver Post and Rocky Mountain News newspapers.

An expanded Community Relations outreach was implemented to ensure community members had the opportunity to comment on the Proposed Plan for the Offpost OU. Community outreach started in January 1993 with the announcement that all documents supporting an impending Proposed Plan were available for review in local libraries. A direct mailing to more than 1200 local citizens was made.

In March 1993, a press release was made and a legal notice was published announcing that a public meeting was scheduled for April 28, 1993, at Dupont Elementary School, Commerce City, Colorado, to address the Proposed Plan. A separate letter was sent to citizens informing them of the documents availability in the libraries. The letter also included a brief fact sheet summarizing the Proposed Plan. Originally, the public meeting was scheduled for April 21, 1993, at RMA. The Army received requests to hold the meeting on a different day and offpost. Because of these factors and Earth Day events in Denver for April 21, the meeting was moved to April 28, 1993.

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A Media Day was held the day of the public meeting to provide local media information on the Army's proposal. Both print and video media representatives attended.

Knowing the importance of the public meeting, the announcement was expanded to include display advertising in 12 local and weekly newspapers in the Denver metropolitan area. This was in addition to the normal press release and Media Day event.

As a result of comments received at the public meeting concerning the official comment period, the Army published a legal notice and sent letters to citizens announcing that the comment period was extended to June 21, 1993.

At the April 28, 1993, public meeting, representatives from the Army, EPA, and the State of Colorado answered questions regarding issues at the site and the remedial alternatives under consideration. Responses to comments received during the public comment period are included in the Responsiveness Summary, which is part of this ROD (Appendix A). This decision document presents the selected remedial action for the RMA Offpost OU in Adams County, Colorado, chosen in accordance with CERCLA, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA), and with the NEPA, and, to the extent practicable, with the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP). The decision for this site is based on the Administrative Record for the Offpost OU.

Additionally, settlement discussions involving municipalities, local health departments, special districts, and citizen groups were held from late 1994 until April 1, 1995, to discuss the final remedies for both Onpost and Offpost OUs. The Draft Final ROD (December 7, 1993) was revised taking into account comments presented by the public, local communities, and the Parties.